

# Marthoma Church Atlanta

## Newsletter - November 2019

### From Vicar's Desk

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Sunday School plays a crucial role in the spiritual formation of a child. World Sunday School Day usually falls on the first Sunday of November, but we will celebrate Sunday School Day on the second Sunday of the month. The focus of our celebrations will be to recognize the value of Christian education as well as the importance of children as the hope of our future.

Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam was established in 1905 and was successful in organizing Sunday Schools in every parish. Our parish Sunday School has been playing an active role in the edification of the young generation. Our Sunday School tries to combine the new insights as well as our traditional value system that we inherited from our Church. We should encourage every child to be a part of Sunday School and thereby help to grow as children of God.

The month of November is special as we remember the annunciation to priest Zachariah and Mary. The announcements were about the birth of two children who in turn became great in the sight of God: John and Jesus Christ. Two families join hands with God to fulfil the plan of God for history.

John the Baptist was the answer of an expectant prayer of an aged couple. The prayer was answered but that child was going to give his life as he prepared the way for the Messiah. Just as with Zachariah and Elizabeth the family of Mary and Joseph also was selected to continue the plan of God. Mary whole-heartedly accepted the call of God and became a channel for the Messiah to come. God is calling us also to join with Him to fulfil His plan for us and to humanity. This is a time to reflect on it and to rededicate ourselves to God to fulfil God's plan.

The first family retreat of our parish delivered a sense of purpose and spirituality and reminded us of the significance of unity in our family lives. Mr. Tiji Mathew served as the convener of this retreat. I extend my thanks to Tiji and his team for their tireless efforts.

As we are coming to the close of a financial year, I request any outstanding dues such as subscription, harvest festival, one day income and any other commitments to be made to the parish trustee as early as possible.

May God enable us to reflect on this year and approach another season to celebrate His birth and the message of His good news.

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I can do all things  
through **Christ**  
who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

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# Worship Schedule

Date	Time	Service
Nov 3rd	10:00 AM	Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)
Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 AM	Praise and Worship and Holy Qurbana (English)
Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 AM	Holy Qurbana (Malayalam)
Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 AM	Praise and Worship & Holy Qurbana (English)

# Lectionary- November

NOVEMBER			
Date	Lessons	Epistle-Gospels	Evening
<b>3 Sunday</b>	<b>Children God's Design - World Sunday School Day</b>		
	Judges 13:1-14	1 John 3:1-10	Gen 25:19-28
	Heb 11:17-27	Luke 18:15-17	Mat 21:15-17
<b>10 Sunday</b>	<b>Reformation of the Church - Called to be United - Festival of Unity - CSI - CNI - Mar Thoma</b>		
	Eze 37:15-23	Eph 4:1-13	Psalms 133
	1 Cor 12:12-27	John 17:21-26	Phili 2:1-11
<b>17 Sunday</b>	<b>Annunciation to Zachariah</b>		
	1 Dan 24:1-19	Heb 5:1-10	Psalms 145
	Rev. 8:1-5	Luke 1:5-23	2 Cor 2:12-17
<b>24 Sunday</b>	<b>Annunciation to Virgin Mary</b>		
	Exo 3:1-5	Heb 2:5-10	Psalms 8
	Acts 9:1-15	Luke 1:26-38	Acts 18:17-24

# Wedding Anniversary

Name	Name	Day
Sunil V. Kochukunjan	Ginomol Mathai	1-Nov
Abey George	Rachel George	3-Nov
Sijo Sajan	Anna Chacko	5-Nov
P.C. George	Rachel Sajan	8-Nov
Mathew Varghese	Mariyamma Mathew	10-Nov
Mathew Varghese	Jolly Mathew	16-Nov
Rajesh Alex	Margaret Alex	17-Nov
John Mathew	Sally Mathew	18-Nov
Johnson Joseph	Sunija Ann Joseph	18-Nov
Sunny Mathew	Nissy Mathew	18-Nov
R. P. George	Mariaama George	20-Nov
Ben Thomas	Anuja Thomas	21-Nov
Mathew P. Abraham	Susamma Abraham	23-Nov
Jacob J. KunjuKunju	GracyKutty Jacob	25-Nov
Shaji Alexander	Ruby Alexander	28-Nov
Boban V. Oonnoonny	Anu Varghese	30-Nov

# Birthday Schedule

Name	Day	Name	Day
Joshua P. J.	Nov-2	George John	Nov-15
Evelyn Rachel Thomas	Nov-3	Johanna R. Jacob	Nov-15
Ethan B. George	Nov-4	Leah Abraham	Nov-15
Jacob Cherian	Nov-5	Salome E. Mathews	Nov-15
Jason Mathew	Nov-5	Maya Susan George	Nov-16
Adam Samuel	Nov-6	Rajukutty Mathew	Nov-17
Nibin V. Thomas	Nov-6	Suzanne Alexander	Nov-17
Valsamma Alexander	Nov-6	Asha Thomas	Nov-18
Joshua Immanuel John	Nov-6	Annie Thomas	Nov-18
Sarah S.Thomas	Nov-6	Hannah S. George	Nov-19
Abraham Samuel	Nov-7	Sheba M. John	Nov-19
Joanne J. Thomas	Nov-7	Koshy Chacko	Nov-20
Mary John	Nov-7	Robin Thomas	Nov-21
Mary Idichandy	Nov-7	Blessy Varghese	Nov-22
Sabina Kurian	Nov-7	Gracy Varughese	Nov-22
Calvin Y. Mamman	Nov-7	Sheeba Koshy	Nov-22
Nikhil Thomas	Nov-7	M.C. Eapen	Nov-22
Ruby Thomas	Nov-9	Derek J. Philip	Nov-22
Angel A. Babu	Nov-9	Rohan Alex	Nov-22
Letha M. Kurian	Nov-9	Gracy J. Thomas	Nov-23
Glory Alexander	Nov-10	Noah A Linu	Nov-23
Andrew George	Nov-11	Lovely Varghese	Nov-24
Joseph B. Kurian	Nov-11	Philip Mathew	Nov-25
Susamma Mamman	Nov-11	Shone Jacob	Nov-25
Lailamma K. Abraham	Nov-11	V.S. Joseph	Nov-25
Nicky S. Alex	Nov-11	joby Abraham Varghese	Nov-25
Priya M. Shone	Nov-13	Caleb John Alexander	Nov-28
Soji Thomas	Nov-13	Joshua T. Mathew	Nov-28
Ashley A. Issac	Nov-14	Gavin Anish Kannath	Nov-29
Sneha M. Varughese	Nov-14	Alice George	Nov-29
		Aleyamma George	Nov-30

# Area Prayer Meetings

Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> ( Saturday) @ 5.30 pm	Lawrenceville	. Samji Oomen and Neena Oomen 1756 Jameson Circle Lawrenceville, GA
Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> ( Saturday) @ 7 p.m.	Suwanee / Cumming	Varghese Abraham( Shibu) and Seema Varghese, 6050 Pennant lane, Suwanee, GA
Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup> ( Sunday ) @ 6.30 p.m.	Grayson / Loganville	Wilson Mathen & Shirly Wilson 1541 Sienna Trace Dr, Grayson, GA 30017
Nov 09 ( Saturday) @ 6 p.m.	Snellville / Lilburn	Iby Thampy & Chitra Varghese 3570 Graham Way SW, Lilburn, GA 30047
Nov 16 <sup>th</sup> at 6 pm	Alpharetta / Marietta	Dr. Thomas C Varghese & Dr. Juliet Thomas, 4954 Ridge Oak run, Mableton, GA
Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup> ( Saturday ) @ 7 pm	Tucker	Varghese Samuel & Susan Varghese 3078 Alston Drive, Decatur, GA 30032

# Organization Schedule

Sunday School	Every Sunday @ 8.30 AM	Chapel
Edavaka Mission	Every Friday	At Church / houses
Sevika Sangam	Nov 16 <sup>th</sup> at 10 am	At Church
Yuvajana Sakhyam	Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup> , at 5 pm	Charly and Anu's house. 2125 Windsor Mill Ct, Grayson, GA 30017
Youth Fellowship		
Young Family	Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 11: 00 am	Bensy and Neena Samuel ( 5165 Deer Lake drive, , Alpharetta , GA 30005)
Senior Citizen		

# Organization & Church Upcoming Events

1. XMAS Carol rounds start on Nov 29<sup>th</sup>. Details will be published shortly.
2. Xmas Carol Service on Dec 21st
3. XMAS Ecumenical carol service on Dec. 29 at Carmel center
4. First Communion Session on Jan 5<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be starting in Nov.

## Youth Announcements

1. Operation Christmas Child (Youth & Young Family) - Sat, Nov 16 @ 3PM

Link to Sign UP Sheet >

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1j1oSjfHIT0o\\_5NtzTm\\_tlxC8EcJ2A0Y1rKMHHBqn8Cg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1j1oSjfHIT0o_5NtzTm_tlxC8EcJ2A0Y1rKMHHBqn8Cg/edit?usp=sharing)

2. Praise Night - Sat, Nov. 16 @ 5:30pm (after Operation Christmas Child)
3. Family Night - Sat, Nov 23rd @ 5pm
4. 2020 DLC Sign Up is Open - for ages 21-35 Link <http://teammartho.com/dlc/>

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